Supply of power to Railways

278. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any single pricing formula has been worked out for supply of power to railways by the various State Electricity Boards; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Purchase of civilian airplanes from Soviet Union

279. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are buying civilian airplanes from the Soviet Union;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what advantage these airplanes will have over the existing ones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Aviation Industry of Soviet Union has offered to sell aircraft like YAK-42, AN-28 TU-204 and IL-96. Consultation have been held with the manufactures covering technical matters like fuel consumption, carriage capacity, etc. The acquisition of aircraft has not been finalised. The advantages of the aircraft are under examination.

Widening of National Highways during Seventh Plan

280. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of scheme for widening of National Highways in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what is the expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Seventh Five Year Plan for National Highways includes a provision for widening of 3396 Kms. to two lanes at an estimated cost of Rs. 228.74 crores and widening of another 1626 Kms. to four lanes at an estimated cost of Rs. 1142.83 crores.

Measures taken by U.K. against terrorists

281. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new legislation against terrorism recently passed by the U.K. Parliament vests with the U.K. Government, if so, what are the details of additional power given to detect and prosecute the Khalistani terrorists who are operating from U.K.;

(b) if so, what is the number of terrorists apprehened since the adoption of the new law; and

(c) what are the details of other measures taken by the U.K. Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The U.K. Government has enacted a new Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1989 which came into force on 22 March, 1989. In the earlier PTA of